# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:440
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LIFTING OF BAN ON IMPORT OF NATURAL RUBBER
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Union Government have received demands from CAPEXIL to lift all the restrictions imposed by the Government on import of natural rubber;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the action taken or being taken to protect the interests of domestic rubber cultivators?

## Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ( SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) CAPEXIL have requested for lifting of the ban on import of natural rubber on grounds of non-supply of all grades of Natural Rubber and delayed supply to the Advance Licecne Holders (ALHs) by State Trading Corporation(STC).

(c) & (d) Import of Natural rubber against Advance Licences was banned with effect from 20-02-1999, to augmentthe consumption of indigenous rubber. The Advance Licence holders are required to procure natural rubber from State Trading Corporation (STC).STC have been directed to procure natural rubber from domestic market and supply the same to advance licence holders at international prices. The present policy not only provides support to the natural rubber growers, but also provides raw material for export production at international prices. There is no proposal to amend this policy.